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SUBJECT: U.S. FULBRIGHT GRANTEES IN ARGENTINA

1. POTENTIAL PERSONAL SECURITY RISKS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS
RAISE QUESTION OF WHETHER DEPARTMENT SHOULD SUSPEND FURTHER
FULBRIGHT GRANTS TO US PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS TO VISIT
ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, ONLY PROFS. CUSACHS
AND DAY WILL BE IN ARGENTINA IN DECEMBER, TOGETHER WITH
FOUR U.S. FULBRIGHT STUDENTS. PROFESSORS DURELLI (CIVIL
ENGINEERING - CORDOBA), BURNS (HISTORY RESEARCHER) AND
GREGORY (NAME REQUEST, PHYSICS - BARILOCHE) SCHEDULED
TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA IN FIRST QUARTER 1975.

2. IMMEDIATE ISSUE IS WHETHER EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPART-
MENT DEFER OR CANCEL PROPOSED GRANTS TO DURELLI, BURNS
AND GREGORY. DECISIONS ON AND NOTIFICATIONS TO PROFESSORS
AND STUDENTS WHO WOULD PLAN TO VISIT ARGENTINA AFTER JUNE
1975 DO NOT HAVE TO BE MADE UNTIL MARCH 1975.

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3. IF EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST SENDING MORE U.S. FULBRIGHT GRANTEES, WE WOULD HOPE THAT POSITION BE SUITABLY EXPLAINED TO COMMISSION, IF IT NOW CONSTITUTED AND FUNCTIONING, OTHERWISE TO COMMISSION STAFF, WHICH

PRESUMABLY NOW HARD AT WORK PLANNING PROGRAM INVOLVING US FULBRIGHTERS FOR FY 77. WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PRESERVE THE INSTITUTION OF COMMISSION AND ITS STAFF FOR THE EVENTUAL PROSPECT OF IMPROVED PUBLIC ORDER AND RESUMED TWO-WAY ACADEMIC EXCHANGE. ADDITIONALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT CONSULTATION WITH COMMISSION STAFF AND FULBRIGHTERS CURRENTLY THERE WOULD MINIMIZE POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EMBASSY'S AND THEIR ASSESSMENTS OF SECURITY THREAT. IN PAST, SOME FULBRIGHTERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHOSE PERSONAL WORKING ARRANGEMENTS ARE SATISFACTORY HAVE UNDERESTIMATED SECURITY PROBLEMS AND PUBLICLY CHALLENGED EMBASSIES' POSITIONS.

4. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S PROMPT RECOMMENDATION ON GRANTS FOR DURELLI, BURNS AND GREGORY, AND VIEWS ON HOW GRANTS TO US FULBRIGHTERS TRAVELLING IN FY 1976 SHOULD BE HANDLED. INGERSOLL

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